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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re patent application of:
GOLDENBERG *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 3453

Application No.: 09/590,284

Art Unit: 1644

Filed: June 9, 2000

Examiner: Ilia Ouspenski

For: **IMMUNOTHERAPY OF AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS USING ANTIBODIES
WHICH TARGET B-CELLS**

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM
ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5)**

ATTENTION: BOX 313(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.313(b)(5), it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to enable consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a continuing application. The issue fee was paid in the present application on June 29, 2005.

Applicants have also attached, for filing, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") together with a check for \$130.00 to cover the fee for this Petition and a check for \$395.00 to cover the filing fee for the RCE (Applicants qualify for small entity status). The Information Disclosure Statement is also attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

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